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SUBJECT: CODEL ALBERT

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1. SUMMARY. INITIAL EMBASSY APPROACH TO ROMANIA L, AS EXPECTED, RESULTED IN PLEDGE OF FULL COOPERATION TO ENSURE SUCCESSFUL

CODEL VISIT, TOGETHER WITH PLEA TO RECONSIDER FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS OF VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. GRAND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (QANA) SECRETARIAT HEAD PETRE BUZILA ACCEPTED CODEL DATES AUG 15-19 AND PLEDGED GNA'S COMPLETE SUPPORT TOWARDS MAKING WHAT GNA WILL BILL AS "FIRST EVER OFFICIAL U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO VISIT ROMAKLA" A RESOUNDING SUCCESS. WHILE ALERTED TO PROSPECT OF CODEL VISIT BY ROMANIAN EMBASSY, GNA PRESIDENT NICOLAE GROSAN HAD NOT YET RECEIVED SPEAKER ALBERT'S LETTER. (ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CABLE TEXT OF SPEAKER'S LETTER.)

3. AS ANTICIPATED, ROMANIAN WERE NOT HAPPY WITH CODEL DESIRE TO BEAR INTERNAL COSTS OF VISIT (REF A). GNA IS CLEARLY DISTRESSED AT PROSPECT OF TRYING TO EXTRACT DOLLARS FROM GOR FOR ANY FUTURE RETURN VISIT TO U.S. WHEN EMBOFFS HELD OUT NO HOPE FOR CHANGE, CITING U.S. CONGRESSIONAL PRACTICE AND LAW, ROMANIANS SEEMED MORE OR LESS RELUCTANTLY RESIGNED TO THIS ARRANGEMENT. THEY DID HOWEVER REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT GNA'S PLEA THAT CODEL RECONSIDER, IN DEFERENCE TO GOR'S LONG-  
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STANDING TRADITION AND PRACTICE OF COVERING SUCH INTERNAL COSTS

DURING OFFICIAL VISITS.

4. DISCUSSING ITINERARY, EMBOFF ADVANCED POSSIBILITY OF INITIAL DELEGATION REST-AND-SIGHTSEEING STOP AT SUCEAVA IN MOLDAVIA TO BE FOLLOWED BY FLIGHT TO BLACK SEA COAST FOR CEAUSESCU MEETING, SHOULD PRESIDENT BE RESIDENT THERE AT THAT TIME (COMMENT: WE WERE ASSURED THAT CEAUSEUOU WOULD BE IN COUNTRY AT THE TIME AND WOULD MEET WITH CODEL WHEREVER MOST CONVENIENT), AFTER WHICH CODEL WOULD PROCEED TO BUIPAREST FOR FURTHER MEETINGS WITH RCP LEADERS. GNA SAID THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE ANY ITINERARY CODEL WISHES, EITHER IN ONE GROUP OR SEVERAL, AND EMPHASIZED THEY READY TO TAILOR PROGRAM TO

INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP INTERESTS. (IN THIS REGARD WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT TYPE AIRCRAFT CODEL WILL BE TRAVELLING IN.) GNA REQUESTED SOONEST INFO ON COMPOSITION OF CODEL, SPEVQFIC INTERESTS OF MEMBERS, AND PROTOCOL RANKING WITHIN CODEL.

5. ROMANIAN PROTOCOL DOES NOT CALL FOR ANY ARRIVAL OR DEPARTURE STATEMENTS BY CODEL, ONLY DINNER TOAST, SUGGESTED TEXT OF WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED SEPTEL. GNA DID SUGGEST POSSIBILITY OF PRESS CONFERENCE AND ISSUANCE OF PRESS RELEASE FOLLOWING TERMINATION OF VISIT. NO COMMUNIQUE NAID BE ISSUED, BY USUAL PRACTICE HERE.

6. COMMENT: IT CLEAR THAT ROMANIANS WILL COOPERATE TO FULLEST EXTENT MAKING VISIT A SUCCESS, BUT PRECISE PROGRAMMING REMAINS DIFFICULT WITHOUT DELEGATION LIST AND SPECIFIC INTERESTS OF MEMBERS. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE INFO ON MORE PRECISE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES OF CODEL, WHEN KNOWN.  
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